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Majority prices for next week were mostly trending unchanged in all areas. Trade sentiment was generally steady with some caution noted in the East, but at times stronger in the Midwest. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate, but moderate to good into fast food outlets. Supplies of all sizes were mixed, but usually sufficient to satisfy trade needs. In the parts structure, demand was fair to good entering the weekend. Breast items and wings were in balance to tight and continued to move well. Dark meat was generally adequate with leg quarters more available. In production areas, live supplies were mostly moderate. Weights were desirable to light.

Preliminary report Prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 28-AUG-2006 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to First Receivers				
Chicago	63.00-66.00	60.00-71.00	65.19	26
New York	64.00-67.00			
Los Angeles	78.00			
Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent				
Mississippi	68.00-71.00	54.00-80.00	70.91	91

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 70.75 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT

LOADS	RANGE	FRIDAY PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
977	69.00-72.00	70.47
Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice-packed parts:		
	WTD. AVG.	VOLUME
LINE RUN TENDERS	163.50	1,239
BREASTS - B/S	155.00	5,694
BREASTS - WHOLE	84.00	1,332
THIGH MEAT - B/S	87.50	1,094
LEG QUARTERS	38.50	8,665
WINGS	95.00	2,754

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

SOUTHERN BROILER Trade sentiment was mixed, but mostly steady. Retail demand entering the weekend was fair to moderate with optimism for next week as first of the month and Labor Day approached. Food service was fair to fairly good, best into fast food channels for specials. Supplies of all sizes were usually in balance to well cleared for trade needs. In the parts structure, interest was moderate to good, best to cover retail and further processing needs. Breast items and wings were in good balance to tight and moving well. Dark meat was adequate to readily available. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed, but mostly desirable.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYERS Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light to fair entering the weekend. Offerings of all sizes were fully sufficient for current needs. Retail and distributive movement was fair with improvements noted for next week. The market tone was no better than steady. In the parts complex, breast items, tenders and wings were in close balance to tight. Other items were noted adequate and clearing satisfactorily.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary majority prices were unchanged. Early trading reported at unchanged prices for regular commitments and unchanged to higher on new negotiations. Offerings were generally adequate overall, with heavy weights in closer balance. Retailer demand was fair to fairly good. Dealers anticipated satisfactory weekend clearances. The market tone remained fully steady to firm on white meat items, but dark meat items were about steady.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYERS Preliminary delivered majority prices into the Chicago area for next week were unchanged. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was mostly steady, instances firm on adequate offerings. Retail and food service ended the week with a light to moderate movement, slightly better into fast food. Floor stocks were adequate to short; weights desirable to light. Offerings of breast cuts and wings were limited with wings short of full trade needs; dark meat items were available. The trade sentiment was fully steady to firm on wings and breast cuts, barely steady on leg quarters and steady on the balance of parts.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was generally noted as light to fair going into the weekend. Offerings were adequate to fully sufficient. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processing schedules were heavy due in part to weekend slaughter. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 65 to 77 cents. Trade sentiment was cautious but usually steady. In the parts complex, boneless/skinless breasts were in fair balance, with interest still fairly active. Wings and tenders were clearing. Leg quarters were slowing. Other items were generally sufficient for trade needs.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A

RANGE	63-83
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
CUMULATIVE	(A)
	08/21/06 - 08/25/06
	08/22/05 - 08/26/05
NO. OF BOXES	(A)
	08/21/06 - 08/25/06
	08/22/05 - 08/26/05
	(A)

(A) NOT REPORTED TO AVOID DISCLOSING INDIVIDUAL OPERATIONS

AUG 24

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS

AUG 25

POUNDS					POUNDS					WEEKLY	
ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000)	WTD AVG	
BREAST - B/S	681	138.00-205.00	-	149.09	665	138.00-205.00	-	150.80	3,329	147.69	
TENDERLOINS	178	140.00-199.00	-	156.78	198	140.00-199.00	-	156.95	1,015	151.16	
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				585	81.16	
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				319	74.32	
LEGS	196	45.00-62.00	47-48	47.51	54	45.00-62.00	47-48	47.59	823	47.77	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	590	32.00-38.00	34-35	34.41	623	32.00-38.00	34-35	35.63	2,973	35.19	
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	797	34.00-40.00	37	36.94	760	34.00-40.00	37	37.47	3,907	37.43	
WINGS (WHOLE)	285	92.00-95.00	93-94	93.58	295	94.00-101.00	94-95	94.92	1,435	92.95	
WINGS (CUT)	245	110.00-116.00	-	112.92	235	112.00-117.00	-	113.45	1,285	112.47	
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				331	43.74	
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				212	41.62	
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT				TOO FEW TO REPORT				430	90.21	
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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS					WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS						
TRADING FOR AUG 24, 2006 -- F.O.B. DOCK.					TRADING FOR AUG 25, 2006 -- F.O.B. DOCK.						
<u>RANGE</u>		<u>TODAY'S AVERAGE</u>			<u>RANGE</u>		<u>TODAY'S AVERAGE</u>			<u>5-DAY AVERAGE</u>	
53.00 - 58.00		55.21			52.50 - 58.50		56.26			54.90	
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NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS - Trucklot buying interest increased slightly and was noted as moderately good to good entering the weekend. Offerings of breast items, wings and tenderloins were in close balance to tight for current needs. Dark meat cuts were mostly adequate and clearing satisfactorily. Movement through retail and distributive channels was moderate. The market tone was firm for breast item, wings and tenders; generally steady on the balance of items.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

AUG 24

ITEM	CURRENT NEG			WTD	VOL/LBS	WTD	VOL/LBS	WTD	WEEKLY
	TRADING*	AVG**				TRADING*	AVG**	WTD AVG	
BREAST - B/S	160	140.13	636,560			160-165	146.15	335,640	2,859,856
TENDERLOINS	150	139.11	153,520			150-155	142.13	45,840	665,878
BREAST - WITH RIBS	86-87	88.54	93,480			86-87	95.35	62,200	383,160
BREAST - LINE RUN	86	87.88	86,400			86	88.66	91,320	420,720
LEGS	49-50	48.11	156,180			49-50	52.81	118,600	706,320
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	38-39	39.14	279,240			38-39	39.70	197,880	1,298,320
DRUMSTICKS	37-38	40.05	150,485			37-38	45.70	118,471	621,076
THIGHS	35-36	46.22	52,800			35-36	47.45	37,000	327,320
B/S THIGHS	91-92	88.59	101,800			91-92	102.98	71,680	489,840
WINGS (WHOLE)	100-101	95.78	303,660			101-102	106.50	145,080	1,168,580
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.50	18,800			10-12	11.70	12,800	95,280
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	27.66	14,720			30-35	31.53	10,720	74,320
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	50-55	56.78	7,880			50-55	55.98	19,160	96,320

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG). * NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG WT		ACTUAL		AVG
	08/25	08/24	08/23	08/22	08/23	08/22	08/18	08/16	WTS
Alabama	4,280	4,175	4,145	4,095	5.24	5.30	4,056	5.25	
Arkansas	5,321	5,397	5,323	5,311	5.18	5.24	4,735	5.11	
Delmarva	2,736	2,284	2,251	2,559	5.61	5.63	2,286	5.61	
KY-LA-TN	2,822	2,293	2,027	2,245	4.95	5.07	1,869	4.77	
Mississippi	3,214	2,927	2,762	2,827	5.77	5.77	3,115	5.99	
North Carolina	2,850	2,706	2,700	2,589	6.70	6.71	2,717	6.64	
Texas	2,529	2,527	2,536	2,548	5.29	5.24	2,560	5.27	
Total	23,752	22,309	21,744	21,900	5.49	5.52	21,338	5.47	
Mon-Fri	112,423(A)						107,095(A)		
Saturday	1,584(included in total for date shown)						790		

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 25-Aug-06 and 26-Aug-06 is estimated to be 35,536,000 head up 10.98 percent from a week ago and up 6.89 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 32,020,000, last year 33,245,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the week ending 26-Aug-06 is estimated to be 166,736,000 head up 3.77 percent from a week ago, and down 0.42 percent from a year ago. (Last week 160,682,000, last year 167,447,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	91-100
ROASTERS 4# & UP	99-108
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	65-74
DUCKS	-
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY**DLVRD TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

		RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	91-103
	DRY PACK	110-114
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	100
	DRY PACK	111-118
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	88-102
	DRY PACK	102-109
DUCKS		185-190

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection,
Week ending 19-Aug-06

	(A) 4.25 lbs & down	(B) 4.26- 6.26 lbs	(C) 6.26- 7.75 lbs	(D) 7.76 lbs & up	Total
	Thousands				
(Preliminary)					
Head	47,956	81,700	25,542	5,484	160,682
Avg Live Wgt	3.87	5.35	6.98	8.39	5.27
% of total /1	30%	51%	16%	3%	100%
Comparisons					
Last week	48,449	84,385	23,900	5,327	162,061
Avg Live Wgt	3.87	5.35	7.00	8.12	5.24
% of total /1	30%	52%	15%	3%	100%
Year Ago 2/	47,749	87,663	26,927	5,471	167,810
Avg Live Wgt	3.75	5.30	6.94	8.44	5.18
% of total /1	28%	52%	16%	3%	100%

To date/2006 1,542,130 2,597,406 747,225 424,120 5,310,881
 To date/2005 1,600,715 2,558,470 860,919 296,710 5,316,814

/1 May not total to 100% due to rounding. /2 Comparable week.

Weight Class Description:

(A) This size product is normally marketed bone-in into fast food and food service sectors and may include Cornish hens. (B) This size product is normally marketed into the retail grocery sector in tray pack or bagged forms. (C) This size product is normally marketed either into the retail grocery sector in tray pack and IQF form or is further processed and marketed into various sectors. (D) This size product is normally marketed deboned or as roasters or roasting chicken.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION W/E 19-Aug-06

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS	DUCKS
	THOUSANDS				
(Preliminary)					
Head	160,682	902	1,759	2,661	462
Avg Wt	5.27	3.38	7.74	6.26	6.34
Last week	162,061	975	1,586	2,561	490
Same wk yr ago	167,810	1,302	1,712	3,014	489
Avg Wt	5.23	3.39	8.03	6.03	6.38
To-date/2006	5,310,881	36,832	48,895	85,727	16,655
To-date/2005	5,316,814	49,600	47,076	96,676	16,347

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 164.3 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 162.6 million head, or 1.7 million less than estimated available.

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON

WEEK ENDING	MILLION HEAD SLAUGHTERED	MILLION HEAD AVAILABLE	PCT	AVG WT
July 15	162.4	163.7	99%	5.34
22	164.8	164.1	100%	5.29
29	163.2	164.0	100%	5.22
August 5	164.1	163.8	100%	5.31
12	164.0	164.2	100%	5.24
19	162.6	164.3	99%	5.27
Year to date	5375.3	5409.1	99%	
August 26		163.6		
September 2		162.6		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER**Under Federal Inspection**

W/E	08/26/06	08/19/06	% CHG	08/27/05	% CHG
Broilers	166,736	160,682*	+3.77	167,447*	-0.42
Cattle	683	692	-01	665*	+03
Hogs	2,003	1,965	+02	1,978*	+01
ACTUAL					

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 21-AUG-2006

DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
LONG ISLAND MOSTLY	151-155	157-161

MIDWEST MOSTLY	132-142	133-143
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ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED. CENTS PER POUND

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	57.00-66.00	61.00-63.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	66.00-86.25	72.00-76.00

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

12 OZ.	62.64 - 85.05
14 OZ.	69.12 - 96.39
16 OZ.	74.88 - 106.73

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA RI, SC, VA, VT & WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices remained unchanged.

Trade sentiment steady. Demand was moderate to fairly good. Supplies were adequate. Schedules full time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.50-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.45-2.40, gizzards at \$1.20-1.40, wings at \$.65-.70, livers at \$.95-1.70, and feet at \$.65-1.00.

NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS FOR US GRADE A DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, 4-5 POUNDS, WEEK OF 21-AUG-2006

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	129-146	130-148

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION - August 22, 2006

****AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY****

Prices paid per pound, except as noted.

	RANGE
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.60 - .70ea.
Pullets 4-6 LBS	- .50
Pekin Ducks	- 1.00ea.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.15 - .20
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.20 - .22
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.20 - .25
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	.35 - .45
Banty Roosters	1.00 - 1.50ea.
Banty Hens	.50 - .75ea.
Geese 9-14 LBS	.20 - .30
Pigeons	1.75 - 2.25ea.
White Pigeons	2.85 - 3.00ea.
Rabbits 4-6 LBS	.60 - .70
Rabbits 6-9 LBS	.65 - .70
Bunnies	1.00 - 3.00ea.
Guinea Pigs	1.50 - 4.50ea.
Doves	3.00 - 4.00ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	.60 - .70ea.

Total Coops Sold 425

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Trading on heavy cannery was too few to report; generally unchanged on the lights when compared to the previous week. Offerings were at least adequate for both light and heavy cannery with most available supplies of heavy cannery being used internally. Demand was no better than fair. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was steady at best.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
18-27 MAJORITY 22-23	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED

LIGHT CANNER HENS	HEAVY CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)	(WITHOUT NECKS)
20-29 MAJORITY 24.5-25	TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices remained unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to fair at best for the readily available offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were noted as normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	5-11	8-10

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Salvage values were TFEWR. Demand was light for ample offerings of light hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were light. Disposal costs were expected to remain constant.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Prices ranged unchanged. Demand into rendering facilities was moderate to instances fairly good with demand into other locations light. Offerings were fully adequate to ample. Trade sentiment steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
REMOVAL COST	4.5-10.5	5-10

WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN Plant schedules light to moderate. Offerings light.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 28-AUG-06

SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS Sales were too few to report prices. Demand was light and generally unaggressive for the fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules for next week were noted as mostly normal. Sales of finished product was fair at best. The undertone was no better than steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTH CENTRAL LIVE HEAVY-TYPE HENS Trading was TFEWR. Demand was no better than fair for fully adequate supplies of spent hens. Schedules were reduced. Processed sales were moderate. Trade sentiment was no better than steady.

	RANGE	MAJORITY
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT	

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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